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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Sydney—Examination of Rats.

The following information was taken from the bulletin issued by the department of health of New South Wales:

During the three weeks ended January 27, 1912, 1,286 rats were examined for plague infection. No plague-infected rat was found.

The last case of human plague was reported May 29, 1909.

The last plague-infected rat was found April 25, 1910.

CHILE.

Sanitary Measures at Chilean Ports.

The following translation of a decree issued December 26, 1911, by the ministry of foreign relations of Chile was received from Minister Fletcher at Santiago de Chile:

1. The only diseases liable to quarantine, for the purposes of sanitary treatment of the ships in ports of the Republic, are bubonic plague, cholera, and yellow fever.

2. In the case of a person suffering from leprosy, trachoma, or other transmissible chronic disease, the ship shall be received in free pratique on condition that the patient, passenger, or member of the crew be strictly and satisfactorily isolated on board the ship, not being permitted to disembark at any time, and his articles of personal use being disinfected.

3. The ships that put into Chilean ports with persons aboard sick with beriberi will not have to submit, merely because of the presence of this disease among their passengers or crew, to any sanitary measures, and receive free pratique.

4. In respect to the sanitary treatment of vessels infected or suspected of infection proceeding from the north, the sanitary doctors of the different ports of the Republic shall attend strictly to the treatment prescribed by the chief of the sanitary station of Africa, in accordance with the provision of decree No. 2909 of June 26, 1909.

EGYPT.

Cairo—Typhus Fever.

Deputy Consul Belrose reports the occurrence of 6 deaths from typhus fever at Cairo during the two weeks ended January 27.

GREECE.

Cerebrospinal Meningitis.

Consul General Gale reports February 15: During the two weeks ended February 13 a death from cerebrospinal meningitis occurred at Piraeus. The disease is prevalent in practically all parts of the country.

HAWAII.

Plague-Infected Rats at Honokaa.

Chief Quarantine Officer Ramus reports the finding of 49 plague-infected rats at Honokaa during the week ended March 2.